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SUBJECT: SADAT/SAUD BIN FAISAL MEETING

1. TODAY'S EGYPTIAN PAPERS FRONTPAGE PICTURE OF SADAT MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN FONMIN SAUD BIN FAISAL. LATTER IS HERE IN CONNECTION WITH ARAB FONMINS MEETING AND CHAIRED SESSION.

2. IN MEETING WITH VP MUBARAK THIS MORNING, I TOLD HIM I HAD BEEN PLEASED TO SEE THE PHOTOGRAPH. I NOTED THERE IS CONSIDERABLE TALK AROUND TOWN ABOUT EGYPTIAN/SAUDI STRAINS AND PUBLICIZED MEETING SHOULD HELP PUT SOME OF THIS TO REST. MUBARAK AGREED AND CLAIMED HE HAD URGED SADAT TO MEET WITH SAUD BIN FAISAL. SAUD, IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, HAD ASKED TO MEET WITH SADAT. THE PRESIDENT'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT HE WISHED ONLY TO MEET WITH THE ARAB FONMINS AS A GROUP. ON MUBARAK'S URGING, HOWEVER, SADAT AGREED TO SEPARATE MEETING WITH SAUD. THIS HAD TAKEN PLACE YESTERDAY AND MEETING HAD BEEN CORDIAL. EILTS

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